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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT IN NORTHERN PORTUGAL

REF OPORTO 208

1. PERSON TO PERSON CONTACT: AS PRESIDENT EANES CONTINUES HIS TOUR IN NORTHERN PORTUGAL, CROWDS ARE APPEARING EVEN IN REMOTE VILLAGES TO CHEER HIS PASSING. EANES IS DEVOTING MORE TIME TO SHORT STREET ENCOUNTERS AND DIRECT CONVERSATION WITH RURAL CITIZENRY. RECEPTION EVERYWHERE HAS BEEN WARM. THE PRESIDENT MAKES A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION WITH HIS PATIENT CONCENTRATION AS RURAL FARMERS POUR OUT DECADES OF ACCUMULATED PROBLEMS.

2. POLITICAL TENSION: SEVERAL MINOR INCIDENTS HAVE EVIDENCED THAT POLITICS COULD NOT BE AVOIDED ON A TRIP OF THIS DIMENSION. ONE JOURNALIST WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED AND TWO OTHERS ROUGHED UP IN A SCUFFLE JULY 13 IN MIRANDELA. THE INJURED JOURNALIST WRITES FOR A LISBON COMMUNIST DAILY. HE WAS REPORTEDLY ASSAULTED BY A GROUP OF LOCALS FOR HAVING WRITTEN IN AN EARLIER PIECE ABOUT "RURAL FASCISTS" IN THE AREA. THE JULY 13 MEETING IN ALFANDEGA

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DA FE BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND VARIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITIES WAS DELAYED ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS BECAUSE OF LENGTHY COMPLAINTS THAT THE BRAGANCA CIVIL GOVERNOR WAS SERVING POLITICAL INTERESTS AND NOT THE INTERESTS OF THE DISTRICT POPULATION. OCCASIONAL POSTERS AND STREET PAINTINGS HAVE ALSO APPEARED OVERNIGHT ATTACKING AGRICULTURE MINISTER BARRETO AND THE PROPOSED AGRARIAN REFORM BILL IN AREAS WHERE NO ONE HAS EVER HEARD OF

AGRARIAN REFORM.

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